

# ALPHONSE, GASTON AND THEIR FRIEND LEON IN DARKEST AFRICA.

A Story of Incredible Adventures and Inexhaustible Politeness. In Four Chapters. Chapter 4.

Leon was captured by African Pygmies, who were about to cook him when a ferocious tiger sent them scampering off. Leon managed to escape from the tiger by swimming across a river. But on reaching the shore he was captured by another tribe of savages, who took such a liking to him that they made him their King. And while he was sitting on his rude throne whom should they bring in as prisoners but his dear friends—Alphonse and Gaston.



**A TEST.**  
Kind Father: "My dear, if you want a good husband, marry Mr. Goodheart. He really and truly loves you."  
Daughter: "Are you sure of that, pa?"  
Kind Father: "Yes, indeed. I've been borrowing money of him for six months, and still he keeps coming."—Judy.



**HOW THEY GROW!**  
Stout Lady: "Don't you think it is a beautiful thing to see a young girl growing into womanhood?"  
Old Lady: "Yes, my dear! so many of them seem to want to grow into manhood."—Tattle.



**BETTER UNSAID.**  
Lady Visitor (who has been shown down a rather intricate staircase by her host): "Be my kind of you to show me the way out."  
The Host: "Not at all. A pleasure, I assure you."—The King.



**BUSINESS ERROR.**  
Tailor (under his breath): "Geel! I'll never sell another pair of trousers before taking the measure!"



**HE HAD A FULL.**  
Officer: "What would you do if I were to take you to the station?"  
The Kid: "What? Pinch me? Say, youse don't know who I am! I'm de guy wot shines Aid. Graft's shoes every day!"



**Reason Why.**  
Bertie: "You don't call on Miss Lovelets any more. Have you got over your love for her?"  
Aigie: "No; her father has got over his gout."



**SHE MEANT WELL, BUT—**  
Model (wishing to say something pleasant): "You must have painted uncommon well when you were young!"



**SORRY SHE SPOKE.**  
Betty: "Mr. Cynique is too polished for words, isn't he?"  
Harry: "Oh, dear, yes. Everything he says reflects on some one."